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Mr. James Shafer, Remedial Project Manager  
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RE: 5 February 1999 Navy Response to 3 February 1999 RIDEM Comments  
Miscellaneous Investigation Activities  
Former Derecktor Shipyard  
Naval Education & Training Area  
Newport, Rhode Island  
Submitted 5 February 1999, Dated 5 February 1999

Dear Mr. Shafer;

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Waste Management (RIDEM) has reviewed to above referenced document and comments are provided below:

- RIDEM Comment 2. The Navy had agreed to provide photo-documentation and videotape of the trenching work at the South Storage area to RIDEM. Please state how and when this information will be provided. - *The Navy responded that they would photo-document and video tape the work associated with this work plan, but it still does not address the previous work done on the South Storage area.*
- RIDEM Comment 3. With respect to building 42, no mention is made as to who will determine what the historic fuel source to this building was. - *The Navy did not address this comment.*
- RIDEM Comment 5. Section 4.3 - Under Site Remediation regulations when sampling for TPH, VOCs and SVOCs must also be sampled for. Please note that VOCs cannot be composited and must be preserved with ethanol. - *With respect to sampling procedures that Navy has not addressed the issue of ethanol preservation and compositing of VOC samples.*

RIDEM recommends that the Navy proceed with the work plan as the majority of these remaining concerns do not affect the physical work that needs to be done, with the exception of comment 5. If you have any questions or require additional information please call me at (401) 222-2797 ext.7138.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Gottlieb', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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